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# Roads in city to get facelift by March 2022

## Tenders called from today for road repairs in all 65 Wards

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (RK&BCT)- Travel on pothole-free roads in and around the city from March 2022. Now that the rains have stopped, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has called tenders to repair roads in all the 65 Wards and all the works are likely to be completed by February-March 2022.

The MCC has called tenders for road works including pothole-filling and laying of new roads in all the Wards for the first time as almost all the roads have been damaged due to rains and lack of repairs. Even for this year's Dasara, road works were not taken up as grants did not come by. Only minor works were undertaken and that too were washed away due to incessant rains.

*Pothole-ridden Male Mahadeshwara Temple Road near Nazarbad Police Station in city.*

The shoddy works undertaken by the contractors came in for intense criticism in social media questioning the accountability of the MCC. Now road works worth Rs. 7.5 crore has been called and the funds will be released by the Civic Body under its own ready grants.

The tender process is open from today (Dec. 20) and Jan. 5, 2022 has been fixed as the last day to submit the tenders with the prescribed Earnest Money Deposit and the tenders will be opened on Jan. 6, 2022.

MCC Superintending Engineer Mahesh told *Star of Mysore* that the roads are so bad that the MCC decided to call for tenders in all the 65 Wards and this is being done for the first time. Earlier, tenders would be called on a need basis. Major works include pothole-filling, drainage clearing, building retaining walls and deck slab works. Roads in four Wards will be re-laid and special grants have been reserved for that, he added.

Once the tenders are finalised, work orders would be issued from Jan. 15 and contractors will be given two-month time to finish works. All the potholes will be filled and the roads will turn motorable by February-March 2022, Mahesh added.

# MCC eyes 'B-Khata' to bring more areas under tax net

### Deputy Mayor Anwar Baig and team visit BBMP to learn about the initiative to collect tax from revenue property owners

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (BCT)- The cash-strapped Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is looking to mop up its revenues and has plans to bring areas beyond the Corporation limits into its Property Tax net, considering the fact that the city is growing beyond boundaries with many real estate players developing layouts, gated communities and housing clusters.

MCC is looking at the Bengaluru model where the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has the system of 'A Register' and 'B Register' (A-Khata and B-Khata) for properties within Bengaluru city limits and for properties beyond the city limits.

A team of Corporators and officials led by Deputy Mayor Anwar Baig had on Saturday visited the BBMP to learn about the initiative to collect Property Tax from revenue property owners.

The 25-member team including Deputy Mayor Anwar Baig, senior Corporators, Standing Committee Chairpersons and MCC Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) N.M. Shashikumar visited BBMP and held discussions with BBMP Revenue Department Joint Commissioner Venkatachalapathy.

The 'B-Khata' Property Tax (B Register) is applicable for properties that do not fall under the jurisdiction of the BBMP. The Khata concept came into existence after the BBMP decided to streamline the process of tax collection in 2007.

Most of the buildings, which were constructed before 2007 did not comply with BBMP's regulations and hence were considered illegal and semi-legal. These properties did not pay taxes despite enjoying all civic amenities from BBMP. The 'B-Khata' Property Tax was introduced to include such properties in the tax net.

In other words, the 'A-Khata' and 'B-Khata' are nothing but documents certifying the ownership of a property for tax purposes. While the 'A-Khata' lists legal properties, 'B-Khata' lists illegal/ semi-legal properties.

**(See B-KHATA on page 6)**

# STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

**Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.**

Mysuru, Monday 20th December 2021


## Malaysia University signs MoU with JSS Science & Technology Varsity

*SITTING FROM LEFT:* ***Prof. Suresh, Director-Technical & Dr. S.A. Dhanaraj, Registrar, seen with*** *(standing from left)* ***Dr. P. Nagesh, Dean-Management & Dr. Swaroop Simha, HoD, JSS CMS.***

*SITTING FROM LEFT - TOP ROW:* ***Dr. Khairir Khalil, Dean, Dr. Sellappan Palaniappan, Dean, Thanga Thurai Vengadasalam, Director - Global Engagement Office & Dr. Harwindar Singh, Dean, seen with*** *(front row)* ***Tuan Haji Abdul Karim Bin Abdullah, Registrar & Dr. Premkumar Rajagopal, President, Malaysian University of Science and Technology.***

Mysuru, Dec. 20- JSS Science and Technology University and Malaysia University of Science and Technology signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Dec. 9 for working together towards promoting activities related to Management Studies and Research initiatives.

The initiative provides opportunity for students and teaching fraternity of JSS Centre for Management Studies (JSS CMS), Mysuru and Malaysia University of Science and Technology, Selangor, Malaysia, to work progressively towards inculcating the spirit of research and academic initiatives. The MoU envisages: **a.** Student Exchange Programme; **b.** Faculty Exchange Programme; **c.** Collaborative Research; **d.** Short term Certification courses; ***e.*** Joint Seminars, Webinars and Conferences; **f.** And all other initiatives based on mutual interests.

The University officials from JSS Science and Technology University and Malaysia University of Science and Technology connected virtually to sign the memorandum.

## EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

***India's politicians need to think of where we are headed because institutionalised religion and politics are fundamentally incompatible. Religious institutions are instinctively inflexible as they seek to preserve tradition and provide their followers with an anchor. They resist change. Politics, on the other hand, is all about changing the status quo. In a democracy, political parties build a support base by promising to change the status quo if elected. That can only happen if they are willing to disrupt the conventional way of doing things. Given these differences, if a society does not separate religion and politics, neither one will carry out its core function. There are countries around us which have had unhappy results by allowing the two to overlap.*** *— In The Times of India*

## NEWS SPARKLERS

### 'Reindeer Burglar' wanted over school break-in

New Hampshire: Police have released a sketch of an antlered suspect wanted in connection with a burglary at a New Hampshire school.

Police said they responded to a report of a broken window at the school and were surprised to discover a 10-point buck inside the school lobby.

Officers called for backup, and as emergency personnel gained entry, the suspect escaped as he crashed through a second window and was last seen running down Maple street. An officer pursued the suspect, but the four-legged perp was apparently too swift.

Officers found a five-point deer antler at the scene of the crime and quipped that they would be sending it to a crime lab to check for DNA.

### Women who give off their own perfume

Sóc Trăng: While most of us have to rely on perfume or other skincare products, two Vietnamese women allegedly give off their own natural floral scent.

Dang Thi Tuoi, a seamstress from Vietnam's Sóc Trăng province, has a very intriguing superpower. When rubbed, her skin gives off this sweet, floral scent that could be described as a natural perfume. Dang reportedly discovered her body's special feature a couple of years ago, while rubbing her hands and feet after a busy day. She suddenly smelled this pleasant odor in the air, and eventually realized it was coming from her own body.

Dung, a woman from Kien Giang province, claims that her body gives off this strong, pleasant fragrance when rubbed. She has known about her special trait for a long time, because every time she rubbed her hands on her skin, she felt a strong aroma, but she never told anyone about it.

## HEALTH CAPSULE

**How to diagnose enlarged prostate?**

Digital rectal examination by urologist and ultrasound of abdomen and pelvis will diagnose the enlarged prostate.

*By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T. P. - Consultant Urology*
*Manipal Hospital, Mysore*

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

## Senior Citizens Day and felicitation

***Hiriya Nagarikara Seva Samithi, Hebbal 2nd Stage (near Sankranti Circle), Mysuru, celebrated International Senior Citizens Day at Narayanamrutha Foundation auditorium recently. On the occasion, senior citizens were felicitated. Seen in the picture are*** *(sitting from left)* ***S. Ramachandra, Venkoba Rao, B.N. Gunda Shastry, S.G. Sathyanarayana and A.S. Devaraj, Samithi President;*** *(Standing from left)* ***A. Ramegowda, Dr. V. Aravindappa, A.V. Rajashekar, K.S. Sannathammegowda, H.L. Indiresh, Secretary, Radha Ganesh, Sudha Padiyar and B. Chennabasavaiah, Treasurer.***

## REALLY...?

- ***The word 'concrete' comes from the Latin word 'Concretus', which roughly translated means, appropriately, to 'grow together'.***
- ***The Three Gorges dam in China's Hubei Province is the largest concrete pour in a single project – but this was no one-off pour. In the 17 years of construction time, almost one million cubic metres of cement per year was needed.***

## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

***Man said to his wife,*** *"My dear, this article says women need more sleep than men."* ***"Is that right?" she asked.*** *"Yes, dear,"* ***said the man,*** *"so maybe you'd better not wait up for me tonight !!"*

## TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 US Dollar | = Rs. 76.00 |
| 1 UK Pound | = Rs. 100.43 |
| 1 UAE Dirham | = Rs. 20.69 |
| 1 Euro | = Rs. 85.53 |

## COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

| | DECEMBER 18 | DECEMBER 19 |
|---|---|---|
| Day's Positive Cases | 14 | 13 |
| Total Positive Cases | 1,80,133 | 1,80,146 |
| Day's Discharges | 17 | 30 |
| Total Discharges | 1,77,534 | 1,77,564 |
| Day's Deaths | 1 | 0 |
| Total Deaths | 2,435 | 2,435 |
| Total Active Cases | 164 | 147 |

*NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin*

## VOICE OF THE READER

# Clarification needed on PNG piped gas in Hebbal area by AG&P

Sir,

This refers to the news item on Piped Natural Gas (PNG) starting from Hebbal area in *SOM* dated Dec.12. It was also mentioned that the piped gas would come to Rs. 700 per month. One wonders if meter is installed for the PNG, where is the question of fixed charges being levied?

Two days back representatives of AG&P were at our doorstep. When we questioned them about fixed charges of Rs. 700, they said it is not correct and they will charge only as per meter.

Why would this wrong information be printed in newspapers unless it is given by the firm AG&P Pratham India. Further, these representatives did not carry any circular on the scheme, leading to doubts.

Website gives the address as attached with the phone number of 9940018666. Trying this number one finds no one picks up. Are AG&P serious in supplying piped gas to the residents of Mysuru, starting from Hebbal area, or is it just a gimmick to satisfy politicians?

**— A.V. Prasanna**

Hebbal 18.12.2021

# "Every innovation should be practical-oriented"

Mysuru, Dec.20 - "Whatever the innovations we take on, it should be practical-oriented and research should come out with analytical solutions for solving the problems," said P.S. Ranganatha Swaroop, Founder and Managing Partner, Safecity Security Systems, Mysuru, who was the chief guest at the State-level Conference on "Business Education Research" organised by Vidyavardhaka First Grade College PG Centre in association with Vidyavardhaka Research Foundation and IQAC, recently.

Initially he spoke about his company which is involved in Building Management Solutions, namely, electronic security system, fire alarms etc. and concluded saying that human relationship is very important for all of us.

Dr. S. Mari Gowda, Principal of the College, gave an insight about the topic of the Conference and the subject matter.

Gundappa Gowda, Hon. President, Vidyavardhaka Sangha, who presided, stressed on the need for research work to be undertaken by every faculty which will help the nation and the student community to build their future.

Prof. A. Balasubramanian, Department of Studies in Earth Science, Centre for Advance Studies, University of Mysore, shared his rich research experience. Shrishaila Ramannavar, Hon. Treasurer, Vidyavardhaka Sangha, was present on the occasion.

The programme started with invocation by Shreyas Kumar and Pooja Chandrashekar of M.Com final year. Dr. S. Ashwini, HoD, PG Centre, welcomed. Prof. S. Poornima. Assistant Professor, proposed a vote of thanks.

Dr. G.M. Rajeshwari, Associate Professor, compered. Prof. G. Prashanth Kumar, Assistant Professor, final year students of the PG Centre, participants from various Colleges, Research scholars and students were present on the occasion.

# "Man's earnings beyond necessity is a waste"

## Former HC Judge Sudhindra Rao in city

Mysuru, Dec.20 (DM)- Observing that everyone should realise that a human being's earnings beyond necessity is a waste, former Karnataka High Court Judge N.K. Sudhindra Rao said it is important that every human leads a purposeful life.

He was speaking after releasing the new calendar and diary of 'Law Guide' monthly law magazine published from Mysuru, at a programme organised at Hotel Airlines near the City Courts Complex here recently.

Maintaining that legal profession is one which creates knowledgeable persons, Justice Sudhindra Rao said that at the same time lawyers, who are mired in their profession, should ensure that they do not become outsiders in their own homes.

Stressing on the need for lawyers to practice what they preach, he said that advocates should not get disheartened if they happen to lose their cases in courts.

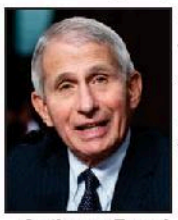
Quoting Mahabharatha, Justice Rao had a word of advice for advocates saying that they should be like Arjuna and Krishna and not like Uttarakumara, in their profession.

*N.K. Sudhindra Rao*

Karnataka CID Cyber Cell Dy.SP K.N. Yeshwanth Kumar, who was recently conferred 'Cyber Cop of the Year-2021' award by Data Security Council of India, was felicitated on the occasion.

City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, Mysuru Bar Association former President G.V. Ramamurthy, senior advocates S. Lokesh and Harish Kumar Hegde, 'Law Guide' Editor H.N. Venkatesh and others were present.

# Christmas travel will fuel spread of Omicron: Expert



*Anthony Fauci*

Washington, Dec. 20 (UNI)- Christmas travel will increase the spread of Omicron variant, even among the fully vaccinated, said Anthony Fauci, top US infectious disease expert.

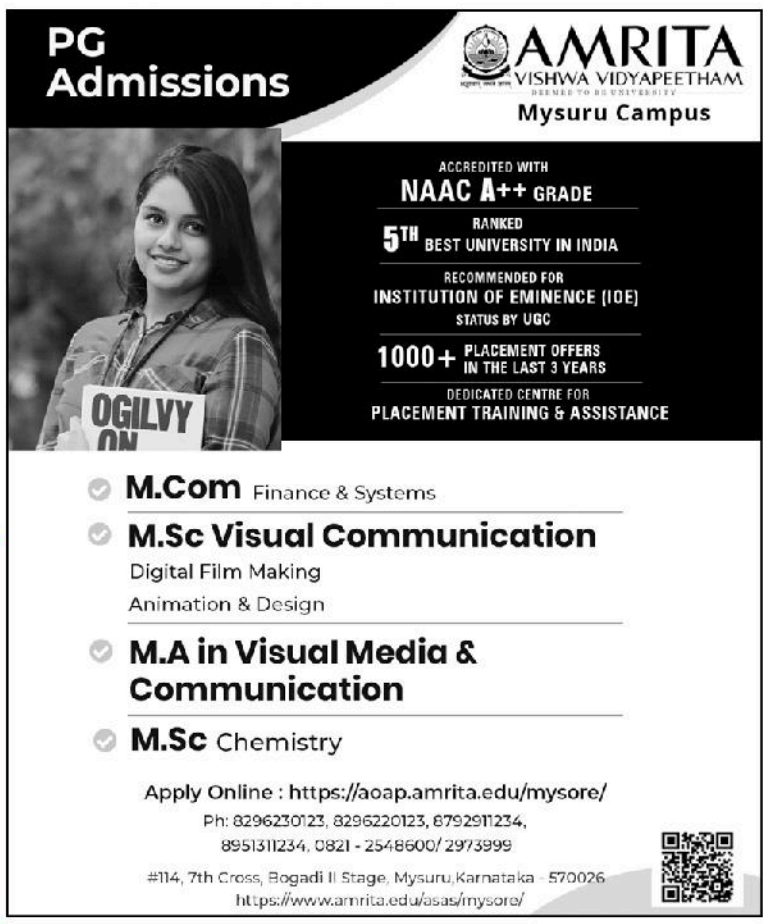
"There's no doubt about this, [Omicron] has an extraordinary capability of spreading," he said on Sunday.

He also warned that the next few weeks will put severe pressure on hospitals as the variant is now "raging through the world."

"Our hospitals, if things look like they're looking now, in the next week or two are going to be very stressed with people, because, again, we have so many people in this country (US) who are eligible to be vaccinated and who have not yet been vaccinated," he said.

He, however, urged people to be vaccinated, boosted, tested, wear masks and maintain social distance to prevent the spread of Omicron during holiday season.

He said, "We are going to see breakthrough infections, there's no doubt about that. The difference between a vaccinated and boosted person who has an infection and someone who has an infection who's never been vaccinated, there's a major difference with regard to the risk of severity."



## NEWS BRIEFS

### AGM of Bank Colony Residents Association

The Mysore Bank Colony Residents' Cultural and Welfare Association, SBM Colony, Srirampura, will be conducting its Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) on Dec. 22 (Wednesday) at 11 am at Janani Janmabhoomi Trust Function Hall in Aravindanagar. Arunkumar Shettar, President of the Association, will preside. For details, contact the Secretary of the Association on Mob: 94489-79349, according to a press release.

### Ph.D awardees

**L. Krishnamurthy** has been awarded Ph.D in Political Science by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Mahiti Hakku Kaydeya Anushtanadalli Karnataka Rajya Mahiti Ayogada Karyavaikhari (2013-2018)- Ondu Adhyayana' submitted under the guidance of Dr. G.T. Ramachandrappa.

**Mohammed Husain** has been awarded Ph.D in Urdu by the UoM for his thesis 'Karnataka Urdu Academy ke Sudur-ki Urdu-Khidmath' submitted under the guidance of Dr. S. Masood Siraj.

### WATER LEVEL

**KRS DAM**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Maximum | : | 124.80 | feet |
| Today | : | 124.80 | feet |
| Yesterday | : | 124.80 | feet |
| Inflow | : | 3,055 | cusecs |
| Outflow | : | 2,861 | cusecs |

**KABINI DAM**

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| Maximum | : | 2,284.00 | feet |
| Today | : | 2,283.48 | feet |
| Inflow | : | 630 | cusecs |
| Outflow | : | 700 | cusecs |

**HARANGI DAM**

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|---|---|---|---|
| Maximum | : | 2,859.00 | feet |
| Today | : | 2,853.69 | feet |
| Inflow | : | 147 | cusecs |
| Outflow | : | 200 | cusecs |

# Rs. 50 lakh released for new elephant camp at Harangi

*File photos of Dubare Elephant Camp near Kushalnagar in Kodagu district.*

*Appachu Ranjan*

*Umesh Katti*

Madikeri, Dec. 20 (PS&BCT)- The State Government has released Rs. 50 lakh to set up a new elephant camp at Harangi in Kodagu District. Already, Kodagu has two elephant camps, one at Dubare and another at Mathigodu near Anechowkur Gate that borders Mysuru.

The aim of the new camp is to decongest the existing eight camps across Karnataka where the pachyderm population has increased over the years. The State Government in February this year had ordered the setting up of a new elephant camp at Harangi.

Replying to a question raised by Madikeri MLA M.P. Appachu Ranjan in the on-going Legislature session at Belagavi regarding the Harangi Elephant Camp and a Tree Park, also at Harangi, Forest Minister Umesh Katti said that from 2017 till 2021-22 Rs.1.38 crore has been released by the Government and works are on to create the Tree Park.

This apart, Rs. 50 lakh has been released for Harangi elephant camp under funds from Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA). Apart from setting up a new elephant camp, there are plans to initiate other related development programmes including developing the camp as a tourist centre and at the same time provide shelter to the elephants, he added.

The Forest Department will establish the elephant camp in a 40-acre land at Athur Reserve Forest beside Harangi Reservoir in Kushalnagar Taluk. The place, located near the Harangi Dam backwaters, is ideal to set up the elephant camp.

The Government has also plans to closely develop Cauvery Nisargadhama in Kushalnagar and together with the new elephant camp in the region, the initiatives will boost eco-tourism activities, the Minister told the Assembly.

Currently, Karnataka has eight jumbo camps housing about more than 100 tamed elephants that are used to rescue wild animals and for logging purposes at Government timber depots.

The new elephant camp is expected to reduce the burden on the nearby Dubare Elephant Camp, which currently has over 32 elephants, the highest in the State.

# Trust supports big cat conservation measures

Mysuru, Dec. 20- Srinivasan Services Trust (SST), the social arm of Sundaram-Clayton Limited and TVS Motor Company handed over 20 Fenix LR 50R high luminescent searchlights, 100 Fenix TR 16 searchlights, 25 camera traps, 12 GPS, 600 memory cards for tiger census, 360 raincoats to the staff, projector and other equipment to the Directors of Nagarahole, Bandipur and BRT Tiger Reserves.

The donation has been made as part of wildlife conservation initiatives. The high luminescent flashlights would be useful for night patrolling, anti-poaching raids and elephant anti-depredation activities.

SST has been actively supporting the Tiger Reserves in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu to conserve habitat, enhance water availability, strengthen wildlife protection and improve visitor and staff facilities. This year, SST has invested over Rs. 57 lakh to support tiger conservation measures in Karnataka and has been closely working with field directors for the tiger conservation programmes.

Over the years, the Trust has undertaken extensive initiatives to support the biodiversity conservation measures in BRT Tiger Reserve, which includes eradication of invasive species like Lantana Camara, improving the visitor camp facilities, forest rest house and staff quarters, strengthening anti-poaching centres and supporting secondary income generation programme for tribals.

SST has been facilitating the process of sustainable development in 2,500 villages in India by deploying skills and resources in critical areas such as economic development, health care, education, maintenance of infrastructure, water and environment conservation with the active involvement of communities and Govt. Departments.

Surya Prasad, President and Chief Operating Officer of the Trust, Jagat Ram, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (APCCF), Project Tiger – Mysuru, S.R. Natesh, Director of Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Dr. Santosh Kumar, Director of BRT Tiger Reserve and D. Mahesh Kumar, Director of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve were present.

## Govt. to recover 500-plus land from non-starter industries: Minister

*Murugesh R. Nirani*

Belagavi, Dec. 20 (UNI)- The Government will recover lands allotted to more than 500 industries for not starting their ventures even after several years of sanction, Large and Medium Industries Minister Murugesh R. Nirani announced in the Assembly here on Friday.

Replying to Congress MLA N.H. Shivashankar Reddy's query in the Assembly, Nirani said the Government has already identified the allotted lands where industries were not started even after 5 to 20 years of sanction and those will be recovered.

"Sale deed will not be done till they start the industries in full scale and they cannot use the industrial land for real estate purposes," he said. The Minister also said 15 percent of industrial land must be reserved for residential purposes.

Replying to MLA S. Ramappa's query, Nirani denied the role of middlemen in the land acquisition process and said that compensation will be paid to farmers directly.

Nirani also said that the Government is committed to provide jobs to locals.

# New look Mysuru Private Bus Stand

## Over 100 youths participate in cleaning campaign; structure painted, drain de-silted

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (BCT)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has tweeted a set of photographs that highlighted a massive cleaning operation of the Mysuru Private Bus Stand that had become a centre for dirt and filth. The day-long campaign was launched yesterday by over 35 volunteers of Yuva Brigade Student Unit of Mysuru and over 80 students of NIE Institute of Technology.

The Bus Stand, located in the heart of the city, had become a place to dump waste both by commuters and people who came with plastic bags filled with waste from nearby residential areas. Also, the Bus Stand building had become a place for illegal activities including drinking in public places and gambling.

The cleaning campaign started at 6 am and went on till 2 pm and three truckloads of garbage including liquor bottles, plastic bags and other waste were collected and were sent to waste segregation units for processing.

A storm water drain that was covered in silt was cleaned up and smooth flow of rainwater was enabled. Due to the blockage of the drain, water used to overflow whenever it rained here, causing flooding. This apart, the bus stand was painted to give it a new look and now the portraits of national heroes and the Wadiyars of Mysuru adorn the walls.

Along with the cleaning team, Nagaraj, Padmapriya and Shivaprasad of the MCC and Ramachandra, Srinidhi and Sandeep of NIE-IT participated and gave ideas of cleaning the entire campus.

Convenor of Yuva Brigade Student Unit of Mysuru Prajwal Devaramani, Adarsha, Mahantesh, Darshan, Mahendra, Rudresh, Manju and Subramanya were present. Well-wishers Murali and Ganesh supplied paints and whitewash and Naveen sponsored food for all the cleaning volunteers.

# Youth murdered in Mandya

Mandya, Dec. 20 (KS)- A 21-year-old youth has been brutally stabbed near the Railway track at Kallahalli Layout in the town on Saturday midnight.

The deceased youth has been identified as Rakshit alias Rakshi, son of Ramakrishna and Prema couple and a resident of Yaliyuru village in the taluk.

Rakshit, who had planned to start dairy farming, had been to the farm till Saturday afternoon and came back home for lunch. Later, he left his house saying that he was going to the gym with his friends.

But at about 11 pm, a group of youths is said to have attacked Rakshit with lethal weapons near the Railway track at Kallahalli Layout and had stabbed him brutally, it is learnt. But Rakshit, who managed to flee for about 200 mts, hid himself near a compound, from where he called his friends and brother Rahul from his phone and informed them about the incident.

Rakshit's friend Vinay, who rushed to the spot, shifted him to MIMS Hospital in Mandya and was shifting him to a hospital in Mysuru on the advice from the doctors, where Rakshit is said to have breathed his last midway.

Rakshit is also a rowdy-sheeter and his name has been included in the list of rowdy-sheeters at Mandya Rural Police Station. It is learnt that about two months ago, Rakshit had assaulted a youth from Holalu village and his friends had called him to speak about the issue. But a group of five youths, who had come prepared, allegedly stabbed Rakshit with knives and daggers.

Superintendent of Police (SP) N. Yatish, Dy.SP Manjunath and staff visited the spot and conducted preliminary investigation.

Four persons have been taken into custody for questioning, it is learnt and a case has been registered at Mandya West Police Station.

# College student drowned in Varuna Canal

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (KS)- An 18-year-old student of a private college in city, who had gone for a swim in Varuna Canal on Pipeline Road in Belagola village yesterday, has drowned and his body is yet to be traced.

*Jagat Appanna*

The deceased student is Jagat Appanna, son of Vasu Uttaiah of Cherambane village near Madikeri, Kodagu, who was pursuing his B.Com course at a private college and was residing in the hostel.

Yesterday, Jagat and his friends went to the canal for a swim. On seeing his friends swimming in the canal, Jagat jumped into the canal, but went missing in the canal after some time.

His friends began to scream for help and a few people, who were working in the agricultural field nearby, rushed to the canal and despite searching for Jagat, they were unable to trace him.

KRS Police, who rushed to the spot, summoned Fire and Emergency Services personnel and despite launching a search, they were unable to trace the body of Jagat.

Fire staff said that they would launch a search operation today.

# Man goes missing

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (KS)- A 28-year-old man, who left his house on Oct. 27 at about 11.30 am on his bike (KA-55-D-1911), saying that he was going to Kadakola, has since gone missing.

The missing man is Mahadevaswamy, a resident of Doddakanya village in the taluk.

He is 5.2 ft. tall, normal built, dark complexioned, oval faced, speaks Kannada and was wearing a yellow coloured T-shirt and brown pant at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing person may contact Mysuru South Police Station on Ph: 0821-2444955 or District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800, according to a press release.

# Obituary

**L.R. Sridhar**

Mysuru, Dec. 20- L.R. Sridhar (79), Proprietor of Newspaper House at Lansdowne Building and a resident of CH-25, 4th Main, behind Srirama Mandir at Saraswathipuram, passed away yesterday in city.

Son of late L. Raja Rao and a bachelor, Sridhar leaves behind his mother L.R. Tara Bai, younger brother L.R. Krishna Rao and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning.

**R. Shanthamurthy**

R. Shanthamurthy (75), retired Education Officer, senior Vice-President of Karnataka Sena Pade and a resident of Srirama Road in K.R. Mohalla, passed away on Saturday in city following a heart attack.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday afternoon.

**M.B. Mahesh**

**Kollegal:** M.B. Mahesh, a teacher and a resident of Vidyanagar in the town, passed away yesterday.

A native of Madhuvanahalli village in the taluk, he leaves behind his wife Poornima, also a teacher and a host of relatives and friends.

Mahesh, who served in the education sector since 20 years, began his teaching career as a Primary School teacher and was promoted as a High School teacher 10 years ago. He also served as the Block Resource Person (BRP) at Yalandur and was currently serving as a High School teacher at Sathegala.

Last rites were performed at Madhuvanahalli village today.

# Bill to link Voter ID with Aadhaar introduced in Lok Sabha

New Delhi, Dec. 20 (UNI) - A Bill to link Voter IDs with Aadhaar was introduced in Lok Sabha today, even as several MPs opposed it.

Law Minister Kiren Rijiju, however, said that the Bill is in national interest and will eradicate bogus voting.

As he moved the Bill for introduction in Lok Sabha, several Opposition leaders raised objections.

Opposing the introduction of the Bill, Congress leader Manish Tewari said, "This legislation is beyond legislative competence of the Government. It will hurt Indian democracy."

Congress' Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said it should be referred to a Standing Committee.

Asaduddin Owaisi of AIMIM said the Bill "allows Government the power to suppress, disenfranchise, profile, voters and discriminate between beneficiaries of Government schemes."

Trinamool Congress leader Saugata Roy opposed the introduction of the Bill and raised the issue of the interaction between the Prime Minister's Office, the Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners.

*Law Minister Kiren Rijiju*

"Central Government is interfering with Election Commission. PM's Secretary wrote a letter to the Chief Election Commissioner," he said.

BSP's Ritesh Pandey said it would negate rights of the citizens and affect the socially backward classes.

"By linking to Aadhaar, the secret ballot would be dismantled," he said.

Congress leader Shashi Tharoor said by linking Aadhaar, which is given to all residents with the voter IDs, which are meant only for citizens, Government is "potentially giving right to vote to non-citizens."

Several MPs also referred to Puttaswamy judgement which holds that the right to privacy is protected as a fundamental right under Articles 14, 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India.

Law Minister Kiren Rijiju, however, said the members are misinterpreting the judgement.

"They have not understood the objective of the Bill. It is said in The Representation of People Act that electoral roll should be credible, Section 17 of the Act says no person should be in the electoral roll at more than one places. Government wants to stop bogus voting, and House should cooperate with that," he said.

The Minister said linking electoral roll with Aadhaar is in national interest. The Bill was then introduced through voice vote. The Bill was cleared by Cabinet last week.

# 'B-Khata' to bring more areas under tax net

**(Continued from page 1)**

Data says that there are over 1.92 lakh taxable properties under the MCC and every year, the tax arrears has only grown and for the 2020-2021 financial year, the arrears stands at Rs. 92 crore.

For the 2021-22 financial year, the MCC has set a target of Rs. 140 crore. Including the arrears and the target, the MCC has to collect Rs. 232 crore but it has managed to collect only Rs. 100 crore leaving a gaping hole in the revenues.

In the 61 revenue extensions of Mysuru, there are more than 31,000 properties to which the MCC was providing all civic amenities but is not getting any tax from a majority of property owners.

MCC sources said that these properties would be included in the 'B-Khata' system like in Bengaluru.

Once the properties in revenue areas are entered into the 'B-Khata', the owners are issued a certificate for payment of Property Tax.

Although the 'B-Khata' certificate cannot be considered the superior-most tax assessment document, it can serve as a temporary solution for activities like sanctioning of civic amenities like water supply, electricity, UGD etc. It can be a document for loan approvals and it is a valid legal document that helps complete a number of legal proceedings, MCC officers said.

The proposal of opening 'B-Khata' has already been discussed in the previous MCC Council meeting and the proposal would be discussed again in the Council and sent for Government approval.

# Aahara Mela extended till Dec. 24

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (MK)- Aahara Mela (Food Mela), organised by Janaspandana Trust with the theme 'Namma Ooru, Namma Ruchi' at Chikkamma Niketana Kalyana Mantap in Kuvempunagar, has been extended till Dec. 24. Earlier it was decided to conclude yesterday. However, as many are thronging the venue and with demand from public, the Food Mela has been extended, said former MLA M.K. Somashekar, who heads Janaspandana Trust.

# 'Save Rangayana Samiti' launches indefinite protest

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (PM&DM)- Accusing Mysuru Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa of acting against the founding principles of Rangayana by inviting Right Wing ideologists as guests for the forthcoming Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival, a host of activists representing various associations under the banner of 'Rangayana Ulisi Horata Samiti,' launched an indefinite stir in Rangayana premises here this morning, seeking sacking of Cariappa.

Noting that Rangayana is an autonomous body established for the promotion of theatre, arts and culture, the protestors questioned the selection of actress and BJP leader Malavika Avinash and Right Wing ideologist Chakravarthy Sulibele as guests for the prestigious Bahuroopi Theatre Festival. Contending that Malavika Avinash and Chakravarthy Sulibele have made no contribution to the field of theatre for getting invited, the protestors alleged that Cariappa was promoting only Right Wing ideology in Rangayana, while ignoring the very purpose of its establishment.

They declared that the indefinite stir launched today would be marked by protest for one hour (11 am to 12 noon) everyday in Rangayana premises, until Cariappa is sacked as the Director.

Later, they submitted a memorandum to Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. B.S. Manjunathaswamy, seeking immediate ouster of Cariappa as Rangayana Director.

# RMS and MMS Employees Unions take out rally

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (RKB&KS)- Urging the Government to roll back the New Pension Scheme and restore the Old Pension Scheme among other demands, about 300 members of All India RMS and MMS Employees Unions Group 'C' MG & MTS Karnataka Circle, took out a protest rally from Govindarao Memorial Hall on JLB Road, where the 33rd Joint Karnataka Circle Conference is being held from Dec. 18 to 20.

Rallyists passed through Shivarampet, Sayyaji Rao Road, Government Ayurveda Hospital Circle, Railway Station Circle and culminated at starting point.

Their other demands include filling up of all vacant posts in the Postal Department, payment of all allowances which were stopped in the 7th Pay Commission, to consider rural postal workers as Government employees and provide all benefits to them, to drop proposed corporatisation of Postal Department, to provide five promotions to all category employees and to make all daily wagers as permanent employees.

# Congress to take out Mekedatu Padayatra from Jan.9

Mysuru, Dec.20 (MK&DM)- Seeking implementation of Mekedatu water project along Karnataka-Tamil Nadu border, the Congress will take out a padayatra from Jan. 9.

Announcing this at a press meet at Congress Bhavan here yesterday, senior Congress leader and former MLC V.R. Sudarshan said that KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar will give full details of the padayatra after performing puja at Talacauvery, the birth place of river Cauvery on Dec.24.

Pointing out that the padayatra will run up to 10 to 12 days, he said that the padayatra is an apolitical one and the Congress party flag will not be used during the padayatra.

Maintaining that only the National flag and Kannada flag will be flaunted during the padayatra, Sudarshan said that anyone can participate in the padayatra for pressing the Government to take up the project.

# Emotional Bommai says no post is eternal

## Outbursts at hometown triggers speculation about his exit as CM

*Basavaraj Bommai*

Haveri, Dec. 20 (UNI)- In a highly emotional and choking voice, Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai here on Sunday said, "nothing is eternal in this world, including posts and positions."

These remarks come in the wake of some media reports questioning his leadership qualities. A section of BJP leaders believe that Bommai has failed to assert his leadership within the party, people and the Government.

Continuing his address, Bommai said, "Nothing is permanent in this world. This life is also not permanent. How long we will live, we don't know. In this context, these posts and positions are not at all permanent. I am aware of this truth every moment.

The CM made these remarks while addressing the people of his Shiggaon constituency from where he has been elected. He had visited the constituency to inaugurate the statue of Kittur Rani Chennamma, the 19th Century queen of Kittur in Belagavi district, who fought against the British.

"I try my best not to speak emotionally, but when I see you all, the emotions overwhelm me. I am not able to visit you regularly. There is a very big responsibility on my shoulders to make all-round development in the State and respect the emotions of all communities. That is a very big responsibility," Bommai said.

Expressing his gratitude to the people of his constituency, Bommai said that he is only Basavaraj Bommai for them, not the Chief Minister. He also said that he is indebted to the people of his constituency who have shown love and respect towards him.

"Because of your blessings, I am standing before you all as the Chief Minister. But, I like to mention here one thing, which I always tell to you all. And that is that when I move out of my constituency, I am the CM, a Home Minister or a Water Resources Minister but when I visit this constituency, I always remain Basavaraj Bommai to you. And, I have been saying this even after I became the CM," he said.

"Why am I saying this is that, Basavaraj Bommai is an eternal name, but positions and posts attached to this name are not eternal. I am indebted to the people of this constituency. Whatever work I would try to do but that debt cannot be repaid. I don't have any big aspirations. I just want to keep intact the love and affection you all have shown towards me. Whenever I came to your town, you fed me with *Rotti* (Jowar Roti) and *Navanakki Anna* (Foxtail Millet). I cannot forget it," Bommai said with tears in his eyes.

Bommai had assumed charge as Chief Minister on July 28 after B.S. Yediyurappa resigned after completion of two years in office.

# Elected as State Brahmana Mahasabha President

*Haranahalli*

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (MK&DM)- Senior Advocate of Bengaluru and former Karnataka Advocate General Ashok Haranahalli was elected as the new President of Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha at Bengaluru on Sunday.

The polls to elect the President was held at Mysuru, Hassan, Raichur, Hubballi and Shivamogga on Dec. 12, while the same was held at Bengaluru yesterday. There were three contestants in the fray — Ashok Haranahalli, S. Raghunath and R. Lakshmikanth.

After the polling at Bengaluru ended on Sunday (Dec. 19) evening, the counting of votes polled in all the six places was taken up and the results were declared late last night, by Chief Electoral Officer H.K. Srinivas.

Ashok Haranahalli, who bagged the highest number of votes (4,424), was declared elected by a margin of 455 votes. He was followed by S. Raghunath who bagged 3,969 votes and R. Lakshmikanth who got 2,239 votes.

A total of 10,704 voters, including 7,056 in Bengaluru, 1,221 in Mysuru, 1,083 in Shivamogga, 615 in Hassan, 374 in Raichur and 355 in Hubballi had cast their votes, out of which 72 were found invalid, when the counting was taken up at Bengaluru yesterday.


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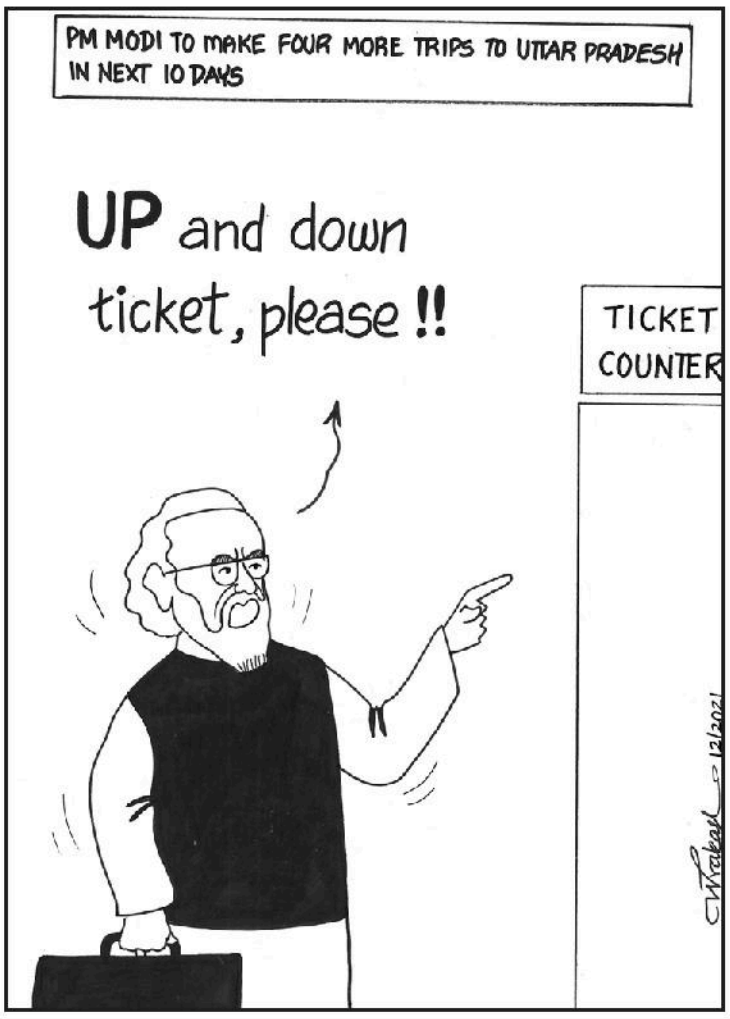
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**a.** Energy must flow unrestricted and freely to have good Chi; If it is blocked or stagnant, you may find it hard to get moving and to keep moving. Remove obstructions and clutter from your pathways, hallways, driveway and entry. Keep them open and clear for free flowing Chi.

**b.** Balance and harmony are fundamentals of Feng Shui. Walk around and feel the energy of your space — how does it feel to you? If you detect a lack of balance or harmony in a particular area, take note of it and try to realign things.

**c.** Strengthen the North sector or the area of your home or office, as it is connected to Your Path in Life or Career. Both Water and Metal element colours are good in this sector and you could even place images connected to the growth of your career and overall, your growth as a human being on this earth.

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# 'Actor Shiva Rajkumar must lead Gokak type Movement'

## Indrajit Lankesh's call to Hattrick Hero

*Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal and K.R. Hospital's retired Nursing Officer Shivamma, who were felicitated during Kannada Rajyotsava celebration organised jointly by District Sharana Sahitya Parishat and District Unit of Kannada Chaluvali Kendra Mandali at Rajendra Bhavan in JSS Hospital premises on M.G. Road in city yesterday, are seen with Journalist and Film Director Indrajit Lankesh, District Sharana Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Helavarahundi Siddappa, Kannada Chaluvali Kendra Mandali Mysuru Unit President Mugur Nanjundaswamy, former Karnataka State Government Employees Association President H.K. Ramu, Kannada writer T. Sathish Javaregowda and others.*

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (RKB&DM)- Maintaining that Kannada actors should not limit themselves to just posting tweets concerning Kannada language, Journalist and Film Director Indrajit Lankesh said that Kannada now needs a Gokak type Movement and popular actor Hattrick Hero Shiva Rajkumar should lead the Movement from the front.

*Shiva Rajkumar*

He was speaking at the Kannada Rajyotsava celebration organised jointly by District Sharana Sahitya Parishat and District Unit of Kannada Chaluvali Kendra Mandali at Rajendra Bhavan in JSS Hospital premises on M.G. Road here yesterday.

Noting that Kannada actors should not keep quiet after posting tweets whenever Kannada pride is hurt, he said that mere tweets will not serve the purpose and actors should travel to Belagavi for the cause of Kannada.

Strongly condemning the MES (Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti) act of burning Kannada Flag and attacks on Kannadigas and their properties at Belagavi, Indrajit stressed on the need for Kannada actors to take to the streets for protecting the cause of Kannada land and language.

Observing that currently the Kannada film industry is lacking in leadership, he said that there seems to be leadership crisis after the demise of Dr. Rajkumar and Ambarish. Emphasising that Kannadigas and Kannada film industry needs a strong leadership, Indrajit opined that actor Shiva Rajkumar should take up leadership.

Recalling the Gokak Movement in the early 80s, Indrajit said that his father P. Lankesh, writer and Founder-Editor of 'Lankesh Patrike', had asked actor Lokesh (son of actor Subbaiah Naidu) of 'Yellindalo Bandavaru'-fame to lead Gokak Movement. But Lokesh argued that Dr. Rajkumar was a better person to lead the Movement and as such, it was advisable to contact the Thespian. Later, Lankesh carried a unilateral story with the caption 'Dr. Rajkumar to lead Gokak Movement', following which Dr. Rajkumar rushed to meet his (Indrajit) father, when he (Lankesh) succeeded in convincing the Kannada matinee idol to lead Gokak Movement.

Subsequently, Dr. Rajkumar travelled through the length and breadth of the State, following which the Gokak Movement turned into a massive public Movement for the cause of Kannada Language and Kannadigas, Indrajit pointed out.

Referring to the increasing trend of dubbing in movies, Indrajit said that of late, films of other languages are getting increasingly dubbed to Kannada. This will result in Kannada actors becoming only dubbing artistes, he cautioned.

Indrajit further said that all articles written by his father P. Lankesh in 'Lankesh Patrike' will be released in social media networks and digital media, with one article every week, on Mar. 8, 2022, marking P. Lankesh's birth anniversary.

Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal and K.R. Hospital's retired Nursing Officer Shivamma were felicitated on the occasion. District Sharana Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Helavarahundi Siddappa, Kannada Chaluvali Kendra Mandali Mysuru Unit President Mugur Nanjundaswamy, former Karnataka State Government Employees Association President H.K. Ramu, Kannada writer T. Sathish Javaregowda and others were present.

# Darshan fans stage protest

Accusing Indrajit Lankesh of making derogatory remarks against actor Darshan and Mysuru Police, actor Darshan's fans staged a demonstration behind Chamundeshwari Temple located near JSS Hospital here yesterday.

Upon learning that Indrajit Lankesh was attending the Rajyotsava programme organised by District Sharana Sahitya Parishat at Rajendra Bhavan, Darshan's fans led by Corporator Lokesh Piya gathered behind Chamundeshwari Temple and blackened the flexes and posters carrying the picture of Indrajit Lankesh.

They also raised slogans against Indrajit and demanded an apology from him for his remarks against actor Darshan and Mysuru Police.

The Police provided tight security at the spot.

## VTU Inter-Collegiate Mysuru Zone Kabaddi Men Championship 2021-22

# MIT Mysuru beat VVIET in finals

*The Kabaddi players of MIT, Mysuru, who won VTU Inter-Collegiate Mysuru Zone Kabaddi Men Championship 2021-22, receiving the winner's trophy during the prize distribution ceremony. Picture right shows VVIET, Mysuru, team who bagged runners-up trophy.*

Mysuru, Dec. 20- VTU Inter-Collegiate Mysuru Zone Kabaddi Men Championship 2021-22 was organised by the Department of Physical Education and Sports Sciences, National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru, on Dec. 13 at NIE Golden Jubilee Sports Field.

The Championship was inaugurated by Siddarame Gowda, retd. Physical Education Director (PED), Government First Grade College, K.R. Nagar, Mysuru.

Dr. N.V. Raghavendra, Principal, NIE, Dr. K. Pushpalatha, Chairperson, NIE Sports Committee, H.N. Shankaranarayana, former PED, NIE and R. Kavya, PED, NIE, were present during the inauguration.

In the final clash, Maharaja Institute of Technology (MIT), Mysuru beat Vidya Vikas Institute of Engineering and Technology (VVIET), Mysuru 33-20 to emerge champions.

**RESULTS**

**Final:** MIT, Mysuru beat VVIET, Mysuru 33-20.

**Semi-finals (Last 4 Stage):** MIT, Mysuru beat Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru 28-14; VVIET, Mysuru beat PES College of Engineering (PESCE), Mandya 46-18.

**Quarter Finals (Last 8 Stage):** VVIET, Mysuru beat Government Engineering College (GEC), Kushalnagar 35-14; PESCE, Mandya beat GEC, Ramanagara 43-15; VVCE, Mysuru beat NIE Institute of Technology (NIE-IT), Mysuru 46-38; MIT, Mysuru beat MIT, Thandavapura 35-18.

**Pre-Quarter-finals (Last 16 Stage):** VVIET, Mysuru bt ATME College of Engineering (ATMECE), Mysuru 37-27; GEC, Ramanagara beat Ghousia College of Engineering (GCE), Ramanagara 29-16; VVCE, Mysuru beat NIE, Mysuru 48-32; MIT, Tandavapura beat VTU PG Centre, Mysuru 48-30.

## VTU Inter-Collegiate Mysuru Zone Men Basketball Championship

# PESCE Mandya emerges Champions

## NIE Mysuru secures runners-up trophy

*Basketball players of PESCE, Mandya, who emerged winners in the VTU Inter-Collegiate Mysuru Zone Men Basketball Championship, are seen receiving the trophy during the prize distribution ceremony. Picture right shows NIE, Mysuru, team which won runners-up trophy.*

Mysuru, Dec. 20- VTU Inter-Collegiate Mysuru Zone Basketball Championship 2021-22 was organised by ATME College of Engineering (ATMCE), Mysuru, in association with Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, at ATMECE campus.

The Basketball Championship was inaugurated by Dr. C. Venkatesh, Chairman, Department of Studies (DoS) in Physical Education and Sports Sciences (PE & SS) and L.S. Savitha, International Basketball player. Dr. L. Basavaraj, Principal, ATMECE, presided over the inaugural ceremony.

On the occasion, newly built Basketball Court was inaugurated by the guests.

H.C. Sudina, Officiating Mysuru Zone Regional Director, VTU, Dr. G. Rathnakar, Sports Committee Chairman, ATMECE, Dr. M.P. Muralidhar, Convener & Director of Physical Education, ATMECE, Mysuru, were also present at the event.

Dr. Venkatesh spoke on the fundamentals of basketball and he opined that the rural players are better than urban players if they are well-trained by the experts by giving the example of L.S. Savitha, who was the guest of honour.

L.S. Savitha too addressed the gathering and asked the young budding players to focus on the fitness aspects and try to achieve better in the field of sports to take sports as a profession.

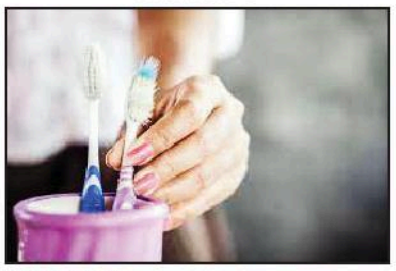
A total of 10 teams took part in the Championship — ATMECE, Mysuru (host college), Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru, National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru, PES College of Engineering (PESCE), Mandya, Maharaja Institute of Technology (MIT), Mysuru and Thandavapura, Ghousia College of Engineering (GCE), Ramanagara, Vidya Vikas Institute of Engineering and Technology (VVIET), Mysuru and Coorg Institute of Technology (CIT), Ponnampet.

In the final clash, PESCE, Mandya, beat NIE, Mysuru.

Prathik of NIE, Mysuru, was awarded the 'Best All-Rounder' titled while Chinthan Gowda of PESCE, Mandya, was awarded 'Best Player of the Championship' title.

## WORD OF THE DAY

### Abrasive



**Pronunciation:** uh-BRAY-siv.
**Meaning:** Abrasive means, literally, "causing damage or wear by rubbing, grinding, or scraping." Figuratively, it is used to describe people or things that are unpleasant or irritating.
**Origin:** Once upon a time, English had abrade and abrase. While abrade remains a familiar word, abrase is rare but survives in abrasive. Both verbs come from abrādere, meaning "to remove by rubbing" or "to scrape off."
**Example:** "During the late fall and winter, frequent snowfall and abrasive sidewalk salt can damage the design of a holiday doormat within weeks." — Valerie Jacobsen

## THE ODD WORD

### Aberuncators

Long tool for pruning tall branches.

## PHRASE OF THE DAY

### Add fuel to the fire

**Meaning:** The phrase 'add fuel to the fire' means when you do or say something that makes a miserable situation even worse.
**Origin:** 'Adding fuel to the fire' means to make a situation or conflict intensify, especially via provocative comments. The direct opposite of "add fuel to the fire" is "douse the flames". This is said when one tries to extinguish or calm down a situation.
**Example:** "I had plenty to say about the situation, but I was afraid I would add fuel to the fire. So I kept my mouth shut."

## QUOTE BOX

When the winter comes, fire becomes a king! — **Mehmet Murat ildan**

## RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

**BUR**

*Answer: Backrub.*

## CROSS WORD

**ACROSS:**

1 Priestly robes
5 A skin complaint
9 Shake or wave to and fro
12 Venomous South African viper
13 "Thief" in vernacular?
14 Fuss or commotion
15 Arctic town - "hate" anagram?
16 Having the gift to be a genius, should we say?
18 Flee from
20 Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee
21 "And us" anagram for African country?
23 An interjection used to attract attention
26 Public platform
29 Excessive
30 Comedian Philips
31 Tales of adventures; myths or sagas
33 Spanish gold
34 Mistake
36 Scottish city
38 Trivial lies
39 A long sandwich - "go hay" anagram?
40 Greek jug - "pole" broken?
42 Lie close and comfortable?
46 Overlooking, ostracising or neglecting
49 Carried away
50 Neb. neighbor
51 English composer
52 Mystery writer___ Stanley Gardener
53 An organ of sight
54 River of Flanders
55 "Made" a change to get a Honeyed drink?

**YESTERDAY'S ANSWER**

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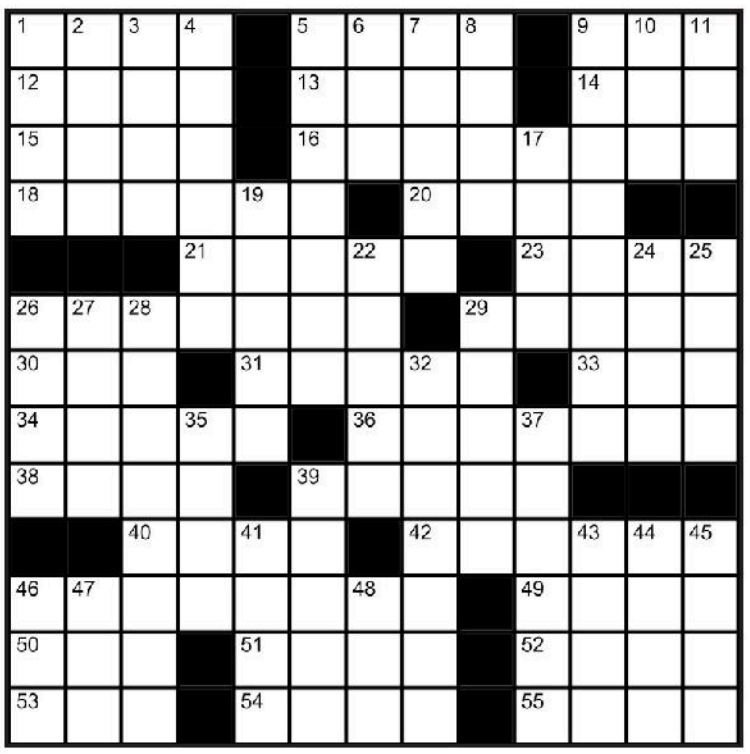
**DOWN**

1 Busy as _ __ (1,3)
2 Stakes or risks
3 Bric-a- ___ : Miscellaneous curios
4 Horrified or dismayed
5 Misbehaved or became temperamental (5,2)
6 Tea
7 Inception director Christopher ___
8 Able was I, ___ __ saw Elba ? (3,1)
9 The howler who is also a guard?
10 Fruit drink
11 The Almighty?
17 Indian leavened bread
19 More chaste or clean
22 Spanish friend
24 Continental exchange
25 Cat sound
26 Underwater obstruction
27 King of Israel (BC 877-876)
28 Parisian university
29 Employment
32 Faux pas
35 Norwegian city
37 Scheme, organisation
39 Legatees
41 Entreat or beg
43 Raced or ripped through
44 1970 Kinks hit
45 ___ out : made last longer?
46 President Eisenhower's nickname?
47 Merry or happy
48 Northerly dir.



## SUDOKU

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| 6 | | | | 2 | | | 8 | |
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| | | | 4 | 7 | | 1 | | |
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Answer to previous puzzle

| | | | | | | | | |
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| 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 8 |
| 6 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 3 |
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| 8 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
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| 2 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 8 | 4 |
| 3 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 6 |

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

## CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**TWP'A TA IHWQTPHATPY MSE KSPY H IDE JTPNADW**

**WDDJ EMDP OSN HGD QSJFKDADKO HKSPD**

**ETAM PSA H IHJTKTHG IHQD TP WTYMA?**

**TODAY'S CLUE: Y EQUALS G**

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** The scornful nostril and the high head gather not the odours that lie on the track of truth.

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|---|---|---|
| *Pushpa: The Rise Part - 1 (Te)* | (S-2) | 12.45 pm, 6.40 pm |
| | (S-3) | 10.00 am |
| | (S-4) | 8.15 am, 11.40 am, 3.05 pm 6.30 pm, 9.55 pm |
| *Spider-Man: No Way Home (3D-E)* | (S-1) | 9.45 am, 1.00 pm, 4.00 pm 7.00 pm, 9.55 pm |
| *Spider-Man: No Way Home (2D-E)* | (S-3) | 9.50 pm |
| *Madhagaja (K)* | (S-2) | 10.05 am |
| *Sri Jagannatha Dasaru (K)* | (S-2) | 4.00 pm |
| *Sumesh & Ramesh (Ma)* | (S-2) | 9.55 pm |
| *Aana (K)* | (S-3) | 1.30 pm |
| *Sakath (K)* | (S-3) | 4.00 pm |
| *Drishya 2 (K)* | (S-3) | 7.00 pm |

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|---|---|---|
| *Spider-Man: No Way Home (3D-E)* | (S-1) | 8.50 am, 12.05 pm, 3.20 pm 6.35 pm, 9.55 pm |
| *Spider-Man: No Way Home (E)* | (S-3) | 5.20 pm, 8.55 pm |
| | (S-4) | 10.10 am |
| *Pushpa: The Rise Part - 1 (Te)* | (S-2) | 10.00 am, 1.55 pm 5.50 pm, 9.45 pm |
| | (S-4) | 4.50 pm, 8.45 pm |
| *Sakkath (K)* | (S-3) | 11.15 am |
| *Aana (K)* | (S-3) | 2.30 pm |
| *Drishyaa 2 (K)* | (S-4) | 1.30 pm |

### PVR CINEMAS

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| *Pushpa: The Rise Part - 1 (Te)* | : | 8.00 am, 8.50 am, 8.55 am, 9.45 am 10.45 am, 11.15 am, 1.20 pm, 2.20 pm 2.50 pm, 3.05 pm, 4.55 pm, 5.55 pm 6.25 pm, 8.30 pm, 9.30 pm 9.45 pm, 10.00 pm |
| *Spider-Man: No Way Home (3D-E)* | : | 12.30 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.00 pm |
| *Spider Man No Way Home (2D-E)* | : | 11.30 am, 2.40 pm, 5.50 pm, 9.00 pm |
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| *Drishya 2 (K)* | : | 6.40 pm |

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| *Pushpa: The Rise Part - 1 (Te)* | : | 8.00 am, 8.10 am, 10.50 am, 11.40 am 2.25 pm, 2.50 pm, 3.15 pm, 6.00 pm, 6.25 pm, 9.35 pm, 10.00 pm |
| *Spider-Man: No Way Home (E)* | : | 8.50 am, 12 noon, 3.10 pm, 6.20 pm 9.30 pm, 10.00 pm |
| *Drishya 2 (K)* | : | 11.45 am |

### MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

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|---|---|---|
| *Pushpa: The Rise Part - 1 (K)* | (S-1) | 3.00 pm |
| *Pushpa: The Rise Part - 1 (Te)* | (S-2) | 8.15 am, 11.40 am, 3.05 pm 6.30 pm, 9.55 pm |
| *Udumbu (Ma)* | (S-1) | 9.45 pm |
| *Spider-Man: No Way Home (3D-E)* | (S-3) | 10 am, 12.55 pm, 3.50 pm 6.45 pm, 9.45 pm |
| *Drishyaa 2 (K)* | (S-4) | 4.00 pm, 6.50 pm |
| *Sumesh & Ramesh (Ma)* | (S-4) | 9.45 pm |

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## Badminton World Championships

# Kidambi wins historic silver

FROM LEFT: ***Silver medallist India's Kidambi Srikanth, gold medallist Singapore's Loh Kean Yew, bronze medallist Denmark's Anders Antonsen and bronze medallist India's Lakshya Sen pose on the podium of the men's badminton singles.*** *[Pic: Internet]*

### It is also the first time that India won two medals in Men's Singles at the World Championships

Huelva, Dec. 20- Kidambi Srikanth clinched a historic silver medal in the World Badminton Championships after suffering a straight-game defeat to Loh Kean Yew of Singapore in the summit clash to notch up the best ever performance by an Indian in the Men's Singles here on Sunday.

A former World Number 1, Kidambi Srikanth lost 15-21 20-22 to Malaysia-born opponent in 43 minutes.

The 28-year-old Srikanth thus bettered the feats of legendary Prakash Padukone (bronze in 1983), B. Sai Praneeth (bronze in 2019) and Lakshya Sen (bronze in this edition), whom he had beaten in the semifinals on Saturday. The maiden silver also placed Srikanth alongside P.V. Sindhu and Saina Nehwal, who had finished runner-up in the past.

Sindhu had won the coveted gold in 2019, two silver and two bronze, while Saina claimed the silver at the 2015 Jakarta and a bronze at 2017 Glasgow.

It is also the first time that India won two medals in Men's Singles at the World Championships.

Despite the loss, it is a significant achievement for Srikanth, who has been dogged by fitness issues and lack of form ever since injuring his knee during the 2017 French Open final after claiming four Super Series titles that year.

On the other hand, Loh Kean Yew thus became the first man from his country to win the World Championships title.

It was a big achievement for Loh, who made it to the final after a sensational post-Olympics season which saw him win the Dutch Open, Hylo Open and finish runner-up at the Indonesia Open Super 1000.

## EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 20)

- **Indian Art and Craft Shopping Festival-2021:** Christmas Carnival, expo-cum-sale of over 10,000 varieties of handlooms and handicrafts for all over India, Open Grounds, opposite Aishwarya Petrol Bunk, Hunsur Road, Vijayanagar I Stage, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Government of India, Ministry of Textiles, GoI, Cauvery Handlooms, Bengaluru and Department of Handloom & Textile & Commerce, Government of Karnataka:** Special Handloom Expo, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, Mysuru, **up to 9 pm.** [City Bus from KSRTC Bus Stand - No: 117]
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) and Tourism Department:** Exhibition-2021, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **3.30 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** Puja, Shattumurai and Mahamangalarati, **5 pm to 6.30 pm;** Thiruppavai discourse by Vidu. Dr. K.L. Prasannakshi, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's Arts College, Mysuru, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, **6.30 pm.** [Mob: 99451-01480]
- **Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, Mysuru and Hebbar Sreevaishnava Rural District Upa Sabha:** Dhanurmasa Puja, discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. Rama Srinivasan, Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam and Sri Rama Mandira:** 'Thiruppavai Kalakshepa' (Thiruppavai discourse) by Dr. N.K. Ramasheshan, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
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## EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 21)

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- **Sri Basaveshwara Centre for Social Change, Research and Extension, Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS), Manasagangothri:** Books release — *Prabhuvina Sangatya, Madivala Machidevana Laghu Kritigalu, Kollipaaki Mahatme and Vachana Vaghmaya Sampada* — by Mysore University VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Hunsur Devaraja Urs Government FGC Asst. Kannada Professor R. Guruswamy and CIIL's Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada Researcher Dr. N.S. Annapoorna will speak about the book, Sri Basaveshwara Centre Visiting Professor Chandrashekaraiah welcomes, KIKS Director Prof. M.G. Manjunatha delivers keynote address, B.M. Sri auditorium, KIKS premises, **11 am.**
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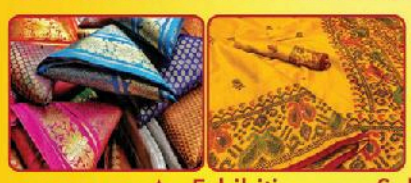
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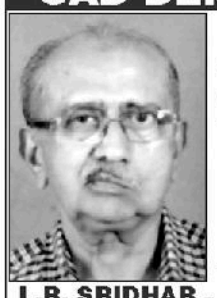
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